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SUBJECT: ADDITIONS TO CHIRAC STATEMENT ON FRANCO-
PAKISTANI NUCLEAR SALE

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EMBASSY UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
OF ADDITIONS TO THE CHIRAC STATEMENT ON THE FRANCO-
PAKISTANI NUCLEAR SALE WHICH HAVE BEEN JUST RECEIVED.

2. "I WON'T HIDE FROM YOU THAT I REGRET THE REMARKS
OF MR. KISSINGER AND MOST OF ALL THE PROPOSITION OF
NEGOTIATION. AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED THE AFFAIR IS
CLEAR. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY.
AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN FRANCE AND PAKISTAN
FOR THE DELIVERY OF A REPROCESSING PLANT FOR WHICH
PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR A PERFECTLY SATISFYING
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AND EFFICIENT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, A CONTROL

EFFECTED BY THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.
CONSEQUENTLY IT IS NOT THE BUSINESS OF A THIRD
COUNTRY AND BESIDES ABOVE ALL WHEN THAT THIRD COUNTRY
IS THE UNITED STATES WHICH, ON THE 18TH OF LAST
MARCH, APPROVED THE CONTRACT UNDER QUESTION THROUGH
THE INTERMEDIARY OF ITS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE
INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES".

3. "I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY FINALLY THAT FRANCE IS
PERFECTLY CONSCIOUS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
HAS MADE HIMSELF PERFECTLY CLEAR. MOST PARTICULARLY,
YOU WILL REMEMBER, FOLLOWING THE LONDON MEETINGS
WHICH SPECIFIED THE RULES WHICH SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY
THOSE COUNTRIES EXPORTING NUCLEAR MATERIAL".

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4. "FRANCE HAS NO INTENTION OF PROCEEDING IN ANY KIND OF OPERATION THAT MIGHT RISK ANY KIND OF NUCLEAR DISSEMINATION WHATSOEVER AND SUCH IS NOT THE CASE OF THE OPERATION IN QUESTION".

5. CHIRAC WAS THEN ASKED WHETHER OR NOT ACCORDING TO HIM THE AMERICAN POSITION WAS MOTIVATED BY COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR BY INTERNAL AMERICAN POLITICS OR BY A MANIFESTATION OF HEGEMONY. THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED, "SOME OF ALL THREE REASONS IS INVOLVED BUT UNDOUBTEDLY THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNAL POLITICS ON WHICH I BRING NO JUDGMENT HAVE CERTAINLY PLAYED A NOT INSIGNIFICANT PART IN THIS POSITION WHICH CANNOT BE HELD UP ON THE OTHER HAND AS AN EXCUSE".

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